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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/713,143	Applicant(s) FITZGERALD ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/29/09 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. The official notice statement, taken in the previous office action, is taken to be admitted prior art because applicant either failed to traverse the examiner's assertion of official notice.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 1, 8, 13, 15, and 16 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492).

6. Consider claim 1. Theimer teaches a system for storing music, comprising: a device for playing music that is heard by a subscriber; a request that is generated in response to a subscriber request to store music; a transmitter to transmit a request to obtain the music for storage (col. 4, line 66 – col. 5, line 4); a music database that is queried to obtain music responsive to the subscriber's request (col. 1, lines 27-33); and a storage device to receive the music and store the music (col. 8, lines 33-39).

Theimer does not teach allowing the subscriber to listen to the music without prior providing a list of potential song titles to the subscriber.

However, Mercs teaches allowing the subscriber to listen to the music without prior providing a list of potential song titles to the subscriber (para. 0062).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to allow the subscriber to listen to the music without prior providing a list of potential song titles to the subscriber, in order to allow the subscriber to enter or speak the desired music for listening.

7. Consider claim 8. Theimer teaches the system recited in claim 1, wherein the music database is provided by a third party (col. 1, lines 21-24).

8. Claims 13, 15, and 16 are rejected using similar reasoning as the corresponding claims above.

9. Claims 2, 3, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Official Notice.

10. Consider claim 2. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitations as stated above, except wherein the storage device is located in a vehicle in which the listener is located.

However, the examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art to place a storage device in a vehicle. Official notice is taken.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to incorporate storing of music data in a vehicle, in order to have easy and mobile access to the stored music data.

11. Consider claim 3. Theimer teaches the system recited in claim 2, wherein the storage device is one of a CD-ROM, a DVD and a RAM (col. 8, lines 33-39).

12. Consider claim 14. Theimer teaches all claimed limitations as stated above, except detecting the push of a button to receive the indication from the subscriber.

However, the examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art to press a button to request data.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to incorporate the use of detecting a push of a button, in order to be able to receive request from a user.

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13. Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Kikuchi et al. (US Pat. No. 7,356,557).

14. Consider claim 4. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitations as stated above, except wherein the storage device is located in a telephone and the music is transmitted in a ring tone format for storage as a ring tone in the telephone.

However, Kikuchi et al. teaches wherein the storage device is located in a telephone and the music is transmitted in a ring tone format for storage as a ring tone in the telephone (col. 11, lines 46-52).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to incorporate the use of ring tone format to store music, in order to make the reproduction of the music associated with incoming call.

15. Consider claim 5. Theimer teaches the system recited in claim 4, wherein only a portion of the music is stored in the telephone (col. 8, lines 14-17).

16. Consider claim 6. The system recited in claim 4, wherein the telephone is a cellular telephone (col. 4, line 66 - col. 5, line 4).

17. Claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Eyal et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2007/0177586).

18. Consider claim 7. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitations as stated above, except a music play list comprising a list of songs that are played, wherein when

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the listener makes the request for storing the music, the music play list is consulted to determine which music is being played at the time of the request.

However, Eyal et al. teaches a music play list comprising a list of songs that are played, wherein when the listener makes the request for storing the music, the music play list is consulted to determine which music is being played at the time of the request (para. 0110).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to incorporate the use of a play list, in order to allow flexibility of reproduction of the music stored.

19. Claim 17 is rejected using similar reasoning as the corresponding claim above.

20. Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Sako (US Pat. No. 7,093,754).

21. Consider claim 9. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitations as stated above, except wherein the listener is billed to store the music.

However, Sako teaches wherein the subscriber is billed to store the music (col. 11, lines 56-58; col. 25, lines 4-9).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to bill the subscriber to store the music, in order to allow the user to receive discounted services based on their purchase history.

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22. Consider claim 10. Sako teaches the system recited in claim 9, wherein the listener is billed to store the music on a per-use basis (col. 11, lines 56-58).

23. Consider claim 11. Sako teaches the system recited in claim 9, wherein the listener is billed to store the music on a periodic basis (col. 25, lines 4-9).

24. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Tanaka et al. (US Pat. No. 7,113,927).

25. Consider claim 12. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitations as stated above, except wherein the subscriber prepays to store the music.

However, Tanaka et al. teaches wherein the subscriber prepays to store the music (col. 12, lines 40-46).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to setup a prepayment plan for subscribers, in order to give users the options of not having to commit.

26. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer (US Pat. No. 6,437,227) in view of Mercs (US Pub. No. 2004/0100492) in further view of Galdos (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0031314).

27. Consider claim 18. Theimer and Mercs teach all claimed limitation as stated above, except reformatting a video data prior to storing.

However, Galdoes teaches reformatting a video data prior to storing (para. 0012).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to incorporate reformatting of music file, in order to optimize storage space.

28. Consider claim 19. Galdos teaches reformatting a video data prior to storing in accordance with the storage device prior to receiving the music for storage (para. 0012).

29. Claim 20 is rejected using similar reasoning as the corresponding claims above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to trswhose telephone number is (571)272-7635. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (571)272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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